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Waste Management Grass Valley Hauling Receives State Recognition for Pollution Prevention

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has recognized Waste Management Grass Valley Hauling as a Pollution Prevention Model Shop for taking steps to significantly prevent pollution at its facility.

Waste Management Grass Valley Hauling, located at 13083 Grass Valley Avenue in Grass Valley, received a letter of recognition and a certificate from DTSC for using green methods to repair and maintain its fleet of trucks and heavy equipment.

For example, Waste Management Grass Valley Hauling did the following:

- Switched from using hazardous solvents to safer, more environmentally friendly solutions for parts and brake cleaning;
- Reduced exhaust emissions from its fleet and;
- Increased the time its vehicles needed between oil changes. This ultimately led to less used oil being sent to hazardous waste facilities

These methods ultimately led to the reduction in hazardous wastes. “It is exciting to increasingly see the business community embrace green practices that reduce pollution and protect public health and the environment,” said Trina Gonzalez, Deputy Director for DTSC’s Office of Pollution Prevention and Green Technology, which administers the Model Shop Program.

The program offers training and support to government and commercial fleet operators on how to eliminate or reduce the generation of hazardous waste and emissions at their maintenance and repair shops. DTSC staff provide workshops on implementing green practices, assistance in understanding regulations, and guidance with evaluating green products and vendors. This training and support often saves fleet operators money by having to spend less to comply with hazardous waste regulations, and less for disposal of hazardous waste.

By participating in DTSC’s Pollution Prevention Model Shop Program, Waste Management Grass Valley Hauling has demonstrated its commitment to being green while aiming for innovation and industry leadership.

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/VSR/VSR_P2Model.cfm

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The mission of the Department of Toxic Substances Control is to protect public health, safety, and the environment from toxic harm.